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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

HAMBURG AMERIKA LINE CONSPIRATORS! SENTENCED.

ROUMANIA COMMANDEERS ALL FOREIGN CRAFT IN ROUMANIAN PORTS.

Russian Successes on the Styr. Inflict Heavy Losses on the Enemy.

THE TURKS RETREATING IN THE CAUCASUS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

SUGGESTED NEW PERSONALITY TO CONTROL FRENCH FRONT.

December 4, 3.00 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris it is suggested in some quarters that now General Joffre has the supreme command of the National Armies, the direct responsibility for the French front will be entrusted to a new and prominent personality, who is a great expert on trench warfare.

RAIN INTERFERES WITH THE ARTILLERY.

December 4, 6.10 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that the communique is featureless, except that the French have successfully exploded a mine at Vanquois.

A downpour of rain is interfering with the artillery.

THE BALKANS.

ROUMANIA COMMANDEERS ALL FOREIGN CRAFT.

December 4, 6.10 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Bucharest says that in the official interests of national defence the military authorities have commandeered all foreign craft in Roumanian ports.

NO ENEMY TROOPS ENTER MONASTIR.

December 4, 9.00 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Athens it is officially announced that no enemy troops have entered Monastir, but only German, Austrian and Bulgarian officers have entered.

THE RUSSIANS.

FURTHER ENEMY LOSSES.

December 4, 9.00 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd it is officially announced that the artillery have inflicted heavy losses on the enemy at Semki, on the left bank of the Styr. The enemy fled in disorder.

On the Caucasian front we pursued the Turks retreating to Yerkunis and have approached the Bitlis mountains which are heavily snow-clad.

GERMAN AMERICAN PLOTS.

THREE OF THE CONSPIRATORS SENTENCED.

December 4, 7.00 p.m.

Three of the Hamburg Amerika Line conspirators on the 3rd inst. were sentenced to eighteen months and a fourth to one year's imprisonment, and the Hamburg Amerika Line have been fined one dollar.

APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT IF NECESSARY.

December 4, 9.00 p.m.

The Hamburg America defendants will appeal to the supreme Court if necessary.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE BATTLE OF CIESIPHON.

GENERAL TOWNSHEND'S REARGUARD ACTION.

December 4, 5.00 p.m.

The Press Bureau announce that the total casualties at the battle of Ciesiphon were 4587, including 133 officers. On the night of Nov. 30, General Townshend fought a rearguard action against greatly superior forces, our casualties being 150 of all ranks. Two river boats were disabled through shell fire, these having to be abandoned, but not until the guns and engines had been rendered useless. General Townshend remarks on the steadiness of the troops, and states that the retirement was carried out in perfect order. The latest reports says that General Townshend is within a few miles of Kut-el-Amara, upon which he is now retiring.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

MONASTIR EVACUATED BY ORDER.

December 3, 11.25 p.m.

Reuter's Salonica correspondent reports that the Serbians evacuated Monastir on Thursday evening by order and not under pressure from the Bulgarians.

AUSTRO-GERMANS MOVING TOWARDS BULGARIA.

November 3, 6.30 p.m.

According to Reuter's Correspondent at Paris, a Salonica telegram states that the Eastern General Staff has received news that Austro-German forces are moving towards Bulgaria.

November 4, 5.30 a.m.

The Daily Mail's Athens correspondent reports that the Bulgarians entered Monastir on the afternoon of the 2nd inst.

ADMIRAL TROUBRIDGE REACHES SCUTARI.

December 4, 4.30 a.m.

News has reached London to the effect that Admiral Troubridge, who commanded the British gunners at Belgrade, has reached Scutari.

GERMAN AMERICAN PLOTS.

December 3, 11.25 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington it is officially announced that the State Department has requested the recall of the German naval and military attaches, Captains Boyed and von Papen, because of their "objectionable activities in connection with naval and military matters."

GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

ALLIES RE-ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS.

December 3, 6.30 p.m.

It is understood that the Allies are re-establishing restrictions on Greek commerce in view of the "tergiversation" of the Greek Cabinet.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

SILENCING GERMAN BATTERIES.

December 4, 1.30 a.m.

A Paris communique reports that the artillery actions have continued. A small post which the Germans surprised south of Lombardskaye has been recaptured. There was mine and grenade fighting on almost the entire front. The French silenced the German batteries which were bombarding Thann.

BRITISH STEAMERS SUNK.

December 3, 4.55 p.m.

The British steamer Langton Hall has been sunk, and part of the crew has been landed. The Colenso was sunk on the morning of the 30th ult. apparently by the same submarine which torpedoed the Malinche and Tams. Ten minutes were given to abandon the ship. The crew of thirty-two reached Malta on Thursday in nine boats.

N. Y. K. LINER ASHORE.

December 3, 6.30 p.m.

The Japanese steamer Kitano Maru from Yokohama to London is ashore near Margate.

COMPANY MEETING.

The Union Insurance Society
of Canton Ltd.

(VERBATIM)

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd., was held at the Head Office of the Society, 2, Queen's Building, 100, House Street, on Saturday Mr. S. H. Dodwell presided, those also present being:—Messrs. W. L. Pattenden, J. W. O. Bonner, J. A. Plummer, D. H. Holyoak, A. Forbes, and G. T. Edkins (Directors), and W. Dunbar Chan Su-ki, S. G. Newall, Ho Fook A. V. Apear, G. C. Moxon, H. M. H. Nemaze, and S. W. Bacon (shareholders), with Mr. C. Montague Ede (Secretary).

The Chairman said:—As it is now past the hour for which the meeting is called, I will now ask the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting.

The Secretary having read the notice.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—the first resolution before you deals with a proposed increase of capital. The issue of this new capital is required to enable us to carry out our contract with those shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Company Ltd. who have accepted or shall accept the offer made to them by the Society on 4th August last. We offered to issue new shares and allot them to shareholders of that Company in exchange for their present shares in the ratio of one share in the Society to six shares in the Company. All legal requirements have been complied with and a sufficient majority of the China Fire Company's shareholders have already accepted our offer.

Our circular letter of 15th July and 30th August have already informed you fully of your Directors' reasons for recommending your acceptance of this scheme of amalgamation.

There are 20,000 China Fire Insurance Company's shares in all, and in order to acquire all these shares, it will be necessary for us to issue 3,334 shares to the shareholders of that Company. As this is an inconvenient figure, we are taking power to issue 3,600 shares thereby increasing the total number of shares in the Society to 16,000.

While a majority of the China Fire Company's shareholders have accepted our offer, there are still a number from whom replies have not been received, and as we wish to give all an opportunity of exchanging scrip, we have decided to issue a further circular to the China Fire Company's shareholders extending the time for the acceptance of our offer until the 31st March next.

The resolution goes on to mention "a contract or memorandum in writing to be made pursuant to said offer and to be filed with the Registrar of companies." In order to comply with the Ordinance, when shares are not issued for cash, a contract showing on what terms they are issued has to be filed with the Registrar of Companies. In our case the contract will consist of the forms of Assent received from the individual shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Company endorsed with the particulars of the allotment made in each case.

The resolution finally gives the Board power to dispose in such manner as it shall think most beneficial to the Society of any balance of shares which may be left over after dealing with all of the assenting shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Company. It will be some time before we know how many shares are left over. Your Directors think it advisable under existing circumstances to have a reserve of shares in hand to be issued when an opportunity presents itself of furthering the Society's interests thereby.

LOCAL WEDDING.

Mr. F. F. Duckworth—Miss
Lennox.

At the Union Church on Saturday the wedding took place, in the presence of a large gathering of friends, of Mr. F. F. Duckworth, of the Hongkong Electric Company, and Miss Nancy Lennox, daughter of Mr. John Lennox, Assistant Superintendent Engineer of the China Navigation Company. The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald officiated.

The bride, who was charmingly attired in a gown of cream satin trimmed with lace, was given away by her father. She carried a beautiful bouquet, and was attended by Miss Cooke as bridesmaid. Mr. O. W. Reynolds was "best man."

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel, where Mr. and Mrs. Duckworth received the congratulations of many friends. Later the newly married couple left for Macao; where the honeymoon is being spent.

WHIST DRIVE.

A successful whist drive was held last night in the Naval Quarters Canteen, H.M. Dockyard, for the Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers of the Royal Navy.

H.M. Ships Tamar, Rosario, Whiting and Torpedo boats were well represented.

The prize—a silver mounted briar pipe, with case—was won by Stoker Petty Officer J. Bailey, of H.M.S. Rosario.

Ship's Steward R. Sturgeon of H.M.S. Tamar kindly presented the prize. In doing so, he thanked all present for their attendance and said he hoped they had all spent an enjoyable evening as himself, and he hoped that more evenings of the kind would be arranged during the winter season, as he felt sure they would be well attended and appreciated by the Petty Officers. On behalf of the members of the Naval Quarters, he thanked all who assisted in arranging the Drive.

The second and third resolutions before this meeting deal with the Society's lien on its stock. Advantage is taken of this opportunity to bring the articles in this respect up to date as advised by our lawyers.

The four resolutions before you create the post of a General Manager of the Society, which is the title adopted by all important Companies for their chief Executive Officer and which precedent it is desirable for the Society to follow on account of the extension of its business under departmental management.

With these remarks I propose the resolution.

Mr. Dunbar:—I beg to second the resolution.

The Chairman:—Gentlemen, the Resolutions are proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Dunbar and are open for discussion. There being no questions, gentlemen, if you have no objection I will put the resolutions to the vote together. Those in favour? Those against? Carried unanimously. Gentlemen, that is all the business of this meeting, thank you for your attendance. To comply with the Ordinance, a confirmatory meeting will be held, of which due notice will be published.

China Traders Insurance
Co. Ltd.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the China Traders Insurance Company Limited, was held at the head office of the Company 2 Queen's Building, 100 House Street to-day at 12.15 p.m., when the business was of a purely formal character.

TO ASSIST HEROES' ORPHANS.

Successful Sale of Work at
Kowloon.

With the laudable object of raising funds to assist the Orphans of Soldiers and Sailors who are killed during the war, a fancy sale of work was organised in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, this taking place yesterday afternoon with gratifying success. The prime movers in the matter were Mrs. Gill and Miss Rutherford, these ladies, by whom all the arrangements were made, deserving every praise for the manner in which the function was organised. The sale of work took place in the grounds of the Church, the effectively arranged stalls presenting a pretty appearance.

The opening ceremony was performed by Lady May, who was accompanied by Miss Phoebe May, Mrs. Gill and Miss Rutherford presided, the Rev. N. Pope (Vicar) and Mrs. Pope being among those present. A party of young ladies—The Misses Jack (2), Miss Flint, Miss Luckmanoff, Miss Edwards, Miss Hyde, and Miss Ramsey, who were attired to represent the Allies, presented Lady May with a beautiful basket of flowers their address to her Ladyship being:—"Lady May, We the Allies, on behalf of Mrs. Gill and Miss Rutherford, present this basket of flowers as a gracious acknowledgment of your coming to Kowloon to open the sale of work in aid of the orphans of our sailors and soldiers."

Lady May, in opening the sale of work said that it gave her great pleasure to come to Kowloon to open that sale for such a good object. She wished to every success and thanked Mrs. Gill and Miss Rutherford for the beautiful flowers.

The still holders then became busy disposing of their fancy and useful goods. Those in charge of the stalls were:—Fancy Stall: Mrs. Gill, Miss Rutherford, Mrs. King, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Packham, and Mrs. Whitmarsh; Sweet Stall: Mrs. Stanley Smith, Mrs. Franklin, and Miss Gill; War Fund Clothing Stall: Mrs. Cooper Hunt and Mrs. Bowsher; Stationery Stall: Mrs. Davey, Mrs. Griffin, and Miss Rodger; Packing Stall: Miss Ferguson and Miss Stone. The tea stall was in the capable hands of Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Aiken and Mrs. Green.

Among the other attractions were a Bran Pie presented by the Sergis and Corporals of the R.A.M.C., of which Corporals Strang and Evans were in charge, and a shooting gallery arranged and controlled by M. Green.

The Band of the 74th Panjabis (under Bandmaster Christian), who were present by kind permission of Col. Watson and the officers, rendered a good programme of music during the afternoon.

At five o'clock an enjoyable concert, arranged by Mr. Grimble, took place in the Church Hall, those contributing to the programme being:—the orchestra of the H. K. V. Signallers Section, Mrs. Villiers Smyth, Miss Scott, Miss Mary Hyde, Mr. A. J. England, Mr. Villiers Smyth, Mr. H. I. Jones, Mr. W. G. Worcester Mr. H. Rolphs and Mr. H. E. Muriel.

During the afternoon a party of young ladies sold flowers and favours in the grounds, quite a good income being realised from their efforts.

It should be mentioned that Mr. P. Okum supervised the erection of the stalls, Mr. Davey of the Harbour office, securing valuable assistance in the work.

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